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BLACK SAKURA PRESENTS

I WAS IMMEDIATELY CURSED WITH AN UNESCAPABLE FATE.
EVER SINCE I WAS BORN,
I'VE TRIED CONTINUOUSLY TO AVOID GETTING INVOLVED IN WEIRD SITUATIONS.
IKEDA-SAN, I'M AFRAID THAT YOUR CHILD ..
I SEE.. SHE HAS HER MOTHER'S HAIR AND MY EYES.
AW MAN, I'M GONNA BE LATE FOR MY FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!
BUT NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY,
I'M SORRY HONEY
HOWEVER, I DON'T WANT TO ACCEPT A PREDETERMINED DESTINY!
A NEW SERIES BY SEK

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ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YEAH..
THANKS.
WELL, IT'S QUITE ALRIGHT, BUT DO BE CAREFUL OKAY?
H-HE'S SO ATTRACTIVE!
SORRY I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION.

BUT RUNNING WITH BREAD IN YOUR MOUTH,
WHAT ARE YOU,
A GENERIC MANGA HEROINE?
MISS?
CRAP!! IT'S ALREADY HAPPENING
HAHA, YOU'RE FUNNY
WELL I'LL BE ON MY WAY! SORRY AGAIN!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
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I CAN'T LET THIS BRING ME DOWN
TO THINK THAT I'D HAVE AN ENCOUNTER LIKE THAT ON MY FIRST DAY...
SHE'S A SHORT ONE...

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STARTING NOW,
THIS TIME FOR SURE,
I WILL ABSOLUTELY LIVE A NORMAL SCHOOL LIFE!

UM...
I'M FINE, WHY?
ARE YOU OKAY?
AS IF YOU'RE A PROTAGONIST DETERMINED TO OVERCOME SOME KIND OF DESTINY
WELL YOU'RE JUST STANDING THERE,
I MEAN, YOUR HAIR ...
AND YOUR EYES

YOU'RE IMAGINING IT...
NOT AGAIN AND WHAT'S WITH THIS GIRL COSPLAYING AS A MAID
WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE THAT ANYWAY?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
EH? I MEAN... YOU'RE...
SERIOUSLY? IS THIS A JOKE?
YES, I'M A MAID.
SHE'S ACTUALLY A MAID!

WELL ! I HAVE TO HURRY INSIDE
WHAT'S WITH THIS SCHOOL.
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SHE'S AN ODD ONE

STEP
AND NOW HERE'S THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.
HELLO, EVERYONE
I AM FREY KANMURI, YOUR STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.
I WELCOME YOU NEW STUDENTS TO KEISETSU GAKUEN.

A NORMAL ENTRANCE CEREMONY.
SO FAR SO GOOD.
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I HOPE YOUR FUTURE DOES AS WELL.
AS CHERRY BLOSSOMS BLOOM,
PLEASE STUDY DELIGENTLY,
AND DO YOUR BEST.

I WILL ASSIST ANY OF YOU THAT FALTER THROUGHOUT YOUR SCHOOL CAREER.
YOU CAN RELY ON ME.
WOW SHE'S SO COOL.
I KNOW RIGHT! SHE'S PRETTY TOO.
SHE DOES SEEM KIND OF COOL,
I WONDER IF I COULD MAKE HER MY FRIEND.
ALRIGHT, I'LL TRY TO BEFRIEND HER!
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I'll be my best!
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HARUKA!
AN HOUR LATER
I FOUND YOU.
EH!?
Yo-!

MY MOM.
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
hehe!
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT...

WHY DID YOU CALL OUT TO ME?
WELL, IT'S ONLY NATURAL.

SINCE WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE CHILDHOOD.

WHAT IS IT?

BA-BUMP
ドクーン
W-WHAT!?

OKAY.. BUT-
AND BECAUSE I LOVE YOU.

I-IDIOT,
DON'T JUST SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT OUT OF NOWHERE
TURN
EH?
DON'T TALK TO ME ANYMORE,
PEOPLE MIGHT GET THE WRONG IDEA.
HARUKA?!
W-WHAT!?
DID SHE REJECT HIM?
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?

BUT THAT GUY SHE WAS TALKING TO IS KIND OF HOT.
YEAH, BUT LOOK AT HER, SHE LOOKS SO COOL!
CRAP, ISN'T THIS THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF WHAT I'M TRYING TO ACHIEVE!?
WHAT WAS THAT I HEARD BACK THERE?
THEY THINK I'M COOL NOW?
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I'M JUST GETTING UNNECESSARY ATTENTION DAMN IT!
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STARE~
THEY'RE STARING AT ME...
I CAN'T FALTER HERE!
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YEAH YOU'RE TOTALLY RIGHT!
HER HAIR, AND HER EYES
IT'S THAT DAMN CURSE.
HEY, DOESN'T SHE LOOK~
NO, NO, NO! IT'S HAPPENING ALREADY!
JUST ACT NATURAL

EH, ASSIGNED SEATS?
指定の席
?
I WONDER WHERE I'LL SIT.
WHAT!?
WHY DID THEY HAVE TO PICK THE MOST CLICHE SPOT?
JUST MY LUCK.

I'LL JUST IGNORE THEM FOR NOW.
HARUKA~!
HEY!
AH, AYUMI.
HEHE~
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE CLASSMATES AGAIN THIS YEAR, HUH?
YEAH, JUST LIKE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL,
I HOPE WE HAVE ANOTHER GOOD YEAR TOGETHER.
YOU BET!

HM?
HEY, HARUKA.
YOU'RE SITTING NEXT TO THE WINDOW TOO YOU KNOW...
IT SORTA REMINDS ME OF A PROTAGONIST IN A MANGA.
STOP JOKING, AYUMI, THIS ISN'T A MANGA.
YOU KNOW, YOU ALWAYS GET THE SEAT NEXT TO THE WINDOW.

HEY LOOK, ISN'T THAT THE SEAT THE "MAIN CHARACTER" SITS IN?
DOESN'T SHE KIND OF LOOK LIKE ONE?
AH SORRY, HAHA.
SHE HEARD US.
HAHA, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I'M JUST A NORMAL STUDENT.
I KNEW IT,
I'M GONNA ASK THE TEACHER TO CHANGE MY SEAT!
YOU LOOK A BIT DOWN IN THE DUMPS,
SOMETHING WRONG?
HARUKA~

BUT I DON'T REALLY GET IT.
I KNOW YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF CONDITION,
YOU CAN TALK TO ME.
SURE.
I JUST WANT TO LIVE A NORMAL LIFE.
IT'S NOTHING YET.
YOU COULD SAY THAT,
RIGHT?
WELL, THERE'S NO USE WORRYING ABOUT IT WHEN THINGS ARE FINE,

YOU KNOW I'M HERE FOR YOU~
BUT IF EVER YOU NEED ANYTHING,
THANKS, AYUMI.
FORGET IT,
IF I SWITCHED SEATS,
HEHE
I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SIT NEXT TO AYUMI.

AFTER HOMEROOM
HARUKA~
WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR LUNCH LATER?
AYUMI?
I ACTUALLY BROUGHT MY OWN LUNCH.
EHH!
OF COURSE NOT!
AND WHY WOULD I ANYWAY?
I DIDN'T KNOW WE WOULD BE CLASSMATES,
YOU MEANIE!
YOU DIDN'T MAKE ANY FOR ME?

HARUKA, I DON'T HAVE MONEY TODAY,
BUY ME LUNCH PLEASE!
E-EH... SERIOUSLY?
ALRIGHT
I'LL SHARE MINE WITH YOU, IS THAT FINE?
THANKS, HARUKA!
I LOVE YOU HARUKA!
CAN'T BREATHE
HEY, DON'T GET SO CLINGY.
GUEEETE
YOU STILL HAVEN'T CHANGED SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL HUH?
WELL, I'M REALLY JUST BAD WITH MONEY HEHE~
THAT'S NOT GOOD!

WE HAVE TO DECIDE ON WHO WILL BE OUR STUDENT COUNCIL HELPER.
LISTEN TO ME FREY!
STUDENT COUNCIL ROOM
生徒会室
WE NEED SOMEONE TODAY. I'LL LOOK FOR SOMEONE MYSELF TOO.
YOU NEEDN'T WORRY.
I KNOW. I'LL FIND A SUITABLE CANDIDATE FOR US
SHIT YOURSELF-
GEEZ, IF SHE WASN'T SO LAID BACK WE WOULD HAVE SOLVED THIS ISSUE BY NOW.
HOW IS SHE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT?
SHIT YOURSELF
SLAM
バタン

I WONDER IF I WILL BE ABLE TO FIND SOMEONE.
HEY, WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
OH SORRY, I'M IN A RUSH.
AH!
WAIT, YOU'RE--
WELL YOU NEED TO BE CAREFUL.
WHAT IS THE MATTER? DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH SOMETHING?

I'M THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT,
FREY KANMURI.
UH... HMM,
WHO ARE YOU AGAIN?
OH RIGHT! I REMEMBER NOW.
IT WOULDN'T HURT TO ASK HIM, RIGHT?

HEY--
UMMM ...
BECOME PART OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL AS AN ASSISTANT.
W-W-WHAT!? DO IT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT IS IT?
DO YOU WANT TO DO IT?
WE NEED THE HELP. AND IF POSSIBLE, WE NEED SOMEONE STARTING TODAY.
I FIGURE AS MUCH... BUT STILL...
ASSISTANT? WHY ME?

AW!
FIRST THINGS FIRST, IF YOU KEEP HOLDING MY HAND I THINK PEOPLE WILL GET THE WRONG IDEA.
I DOUBT I'M QUALIFIED TO BE PART OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
NEITHER DO I FEEL I HAVE THE COMMITMENT TO DO COUNCIL WORK
AND SECOND
I DID THIS ON A WHIM... BUT IF I CAN GET SOMEONE NOW THEN IT WILL BE A BIG HELP.
I GUESS ASKING YOU OUT OF THE BLUE LIKE THAT WOULDN'T HAVE DONE ANYTHING GOOD, HUH
BUT FOR SOME REASON I FEEL LIKE YOU COULD DO IT.
I HAVE THIS FEELING YOU ARE A VERY DILIGENT PERSON

I'LL THINK ABOUT IT...
Y-YOU WILL?
TURN
SIGH
I DON'T WANT TO GIVE AN ANSWER THAT I MIGHT GO BACK ON.
I'M A MAN OF MY WORD.
I SEE.
NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'M IN A RUSH.

BUT...
MAYBE I'LL LOOK AROUND FOR OTHERS JUST IN CASE.
WELL, THAT WENT BETTER THAN I EXPECTED.
I GET THE FEELING THAT I WON'T NEED TO.
AS EXPECTED OF ME,
STEP
MY INTUITION NEVER FAILS AFTER ALL.

HEY, HARUKA.
AGAIN!
J-JUN?
HARUKA!
WHO IS IT NOW!?
W-WAIT WHY DO YOU KEEP AVOIDING ME?
TURN
I-I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO NOT BOTHER ME.
BECAUSE, I DON'T WANT PEOPLE GETTING THE WRONG IDEA, DUMMY.

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JOLT
DO YOU HATE ME?
THAT'S NOT IT.
TREMBLE
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE
SHOULD UNDER-STAND!

TURN
I SHOULD HAVE REALIZED SOONER
YOU'RE SUCH AN IDIOT.
DAMN IT JUN,
INSTEAD OF CHASING AFTER HER,
STEP
STEP
I SHOULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD HER FEELINGS.

ARE YOU HURT SOMEWHERE?

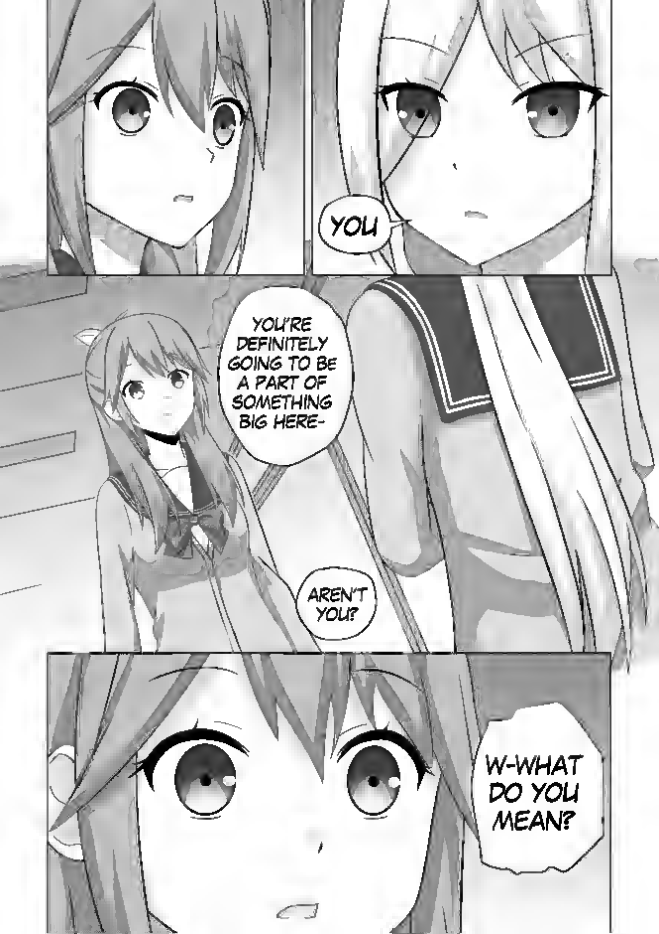
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

AH, I'M HARUKA IKEDA.

STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT!?

YOU ARE...?

UH YOU'RE THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT RIGHT?
YES, I AM THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT.
MY NAME IS FREY KANMURI
I KNOW ABOUT YOU IKEDA-SAN.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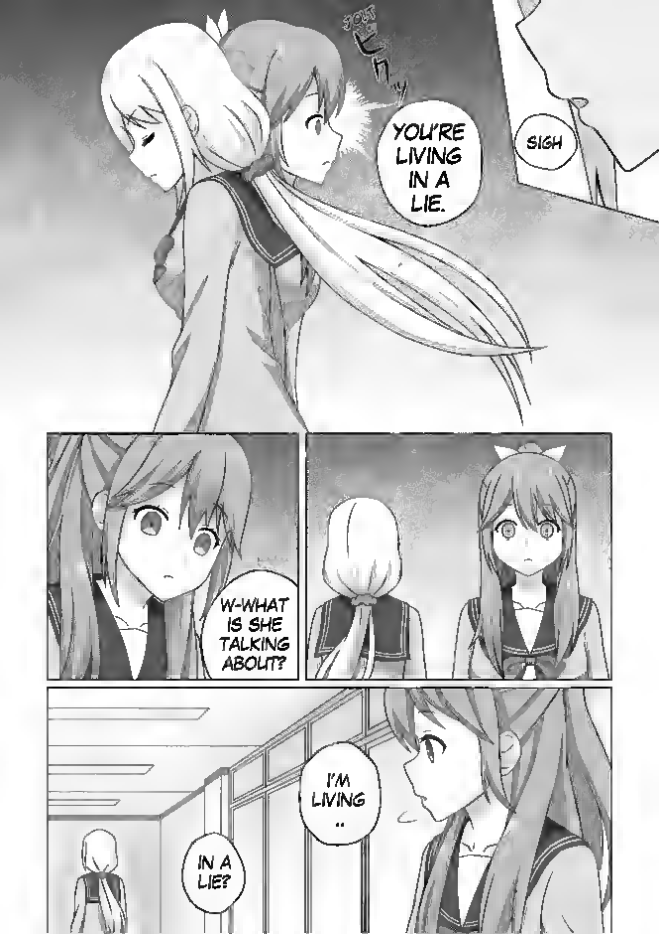
YOU'RE DEFINITELY GOING TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIG HERE-
AREN'T YOU?
W-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?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YOU'RE LIVING IN A LIE.
W-WHAT IS SHE TALKING ABOUT?
I'M LIVING ..
IN A LIE?

TURN
AFTER ALL..
HARUKA IS...
A FAKER
TO BE CONTINUED...